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SUBJECT: IMPLICATION OF POSSIBLE BRITISH REDUCTIONS IN SINGAPORE

ON AUSTRALIAN UNIT

REF: SINGAPORE 1444

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION MAR 29 WITH W. B. PRITCHETT (FIRST ASST SECRETARY, DEFENSE PLANNING AUSTRALIAN DOD), EMBOFF ASKED WHAT AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE WOULD BE IF BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT REDUCED OR COMPLETELY WITHDREW TROOPS FROM SINGAPORE.

2. IN REPLY PRITCHETT SAID THAT AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION NOT YET COMPLETELY OUT OF SINGAPORE AND THAT OTHER AUSTRALIAN UNITS IN SINGAPORE WOULD BE RUN DOWN TO ABOUT 150 PERSONNEL, WHO ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE BY APRIL, 1975. HE INDICATED THAT 150 INCLUDE PERSONNEL WHO ARE ASSOCIATED WITH VARIETY OF TRAINING AND AID PROGRAMS BUT THAT NUMBER ALSO THERE TO SUPPORT BRITISH. IF BRITISH WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES, HE SAID HE THOUGHT AUSTRALIAN

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DRAWDOWN WOULD BE ACCELERATED.

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